

Independence

January-February, 2013

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
Independence NHP
143 S. Third Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106



Building Hours and Program Times

Independence Visitor Center.....8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Programs:

“Junior Ranger Induction Ceremony” weekends at 4:00 p.m.

January 12, 13 and 17, 2013 - Benjamin Franklin Film Festival - Enjoy three 30 minute films about Benjamin Franklin: *Disney’s: Ben and Me*, *The Discovery Channel’s: The Real Ben Franklin* and the original Franklin Court film: *Portrait of a Family*. See one or see them all!

Liberty Bell Center.....9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

..... *Please note - security screening closes 5 minutes before the Liberty Bell Center closes for the evening*

Independence Square

(Access to the “Square” is through security located at 5th and Chestnut Streets)

Please note - security screening closes 15 minutes before the buildings on the block close for the evening

Independence Hall..... 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Congress Hall.....9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The Great Essentials Exhibit in the West Wing of Independence Hall..... 9:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Old City Hall..... 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Carpenters’ Court

America’s National Park Museum Shop..... 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Carpenters’ Hall.....open Wednesday-Sunday.....10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

New Hall Military Museum.....open Wednesday-Friday..... Noon - 4:00 p.m.

Franklin Court

B. Free Franklin Post Office..... open Monday-Saturday..... 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Printing Office.....open Saturday-Sunday.....11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Other Park Sites

The City Tavern*opens at 11:30 a.m.

**closed Mondays in January*

National Constitution Center (fee charged)

open Monday-Friday.....9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

open Saturday..... 9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

open Sunday..... Noon - 5:00 p.m.

Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank...open Wednesday-Sunday..... 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Programs:

January 12, 13 and 17, 2013 - Happy Birthday Benjamin Franklin - Despite his 306 years, Benjamin Franklin remains ageless in his many portraits. Join a Park Ranger for a fascinating tour of the Portrait Gallery at 3:00.

January 17 and 19, 2013 - Franklin and Poe: Philadelphia’s Adopted Literary Sons - Philadelphia was a printing and publishing center in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries thanks to the contributions of two unique men born a century apart: Benjamin Franklin and Edgar Allan Poe. This slide program celebrates their January birthdays and their contributions to American culture. 2:00

February 2 and 3, 2013 - Happy Birthday Thaddeus Kosciuszko - Celebrate Thaddeus Kosciuszko’s Birthday (February 4, 1746) all weekend. Join a Park Ranger for a special tour featuring Kosciuszko and other notable foreign Generals who helped America win independence. 3:00 PM

February 16 and 17, 2013 - The Many Faces of George Washington - Celebrate Presidents Day week end and George Washington’s Birthday with this special tour. The Portrait Gallery also features a portrait of Martha Washington and his many friends and comrades. 3:00

Saturdays and Sundays in February - The Underground Railroad in Philadelphia - During the 18th and 19th centuries Philadelphia was an important stop on the Underground Railroad. Learn more about this important era in Black history during this 30 minute slide program. 2:00.

The President’s House Site Memorial.....9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Other NPS Sites

Edgar Allan Poe NHS.....open Wednesday-Sunday..... 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m

Program:

January 19 and 20, 2013 - Happy Birthday Edgar Allan Poe - Celebrate the 204th (January 19, 1809) birthday of Edgar Allan Poe by visiting where he lived when he achieved his greatest literary success. .
Check with a park ranger on the day of your visit for a schedule of activities.

Thaddeus Kosciuszko NM.....open Saturday & Sunday..... Noon - 4:00 p.m.

Holiday Hours

New Year’s Day (January 1, 2013) - Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell Center are open 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. The Independence Visitor Center is open 8:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jrs. Birthday (January 21, 2013) and **President’s Day (February 18, 2013)** Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell Center are open 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. The Independence Visitor Center is open 8:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.